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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS THAT HISTADRUT RECRUITED CIA AGENTS
FOR LATIN AMERICA

1. HAARETZ OF MARCH 4 PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH PHILLIP AGEE, FORMER CIA AGENT IN LATIN AMERICA NOW THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION FROM ENGLAND. IN HIS INTERVIEW AGEE CHARGED THAT LATIN AMERICAN TRAINEES, ESPECIALLY FROM MEXICO, ECUADOR, AND URUGUAY, ATTENDING THE HISTADRUT LATIN AMERICAN TRAINING INSTITUTE, HAD BEEN RECRUITED AS CIA AGENTS WHILE IN ISRAEL. AGEE SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT HAD BEEN FINANCED THROUGH THE AFL-CIO OR THE CIA STATION CHIEF IN ISRAEL, NOR COULD HE GIVE SPECIFIC NAMES OF SUCH "ISRAELI TRAINED AGENTS." HOWEVER, HE REMEMBERED THAT THE HISTADRUT HAD BEEN MENTIONED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AS THE SOURCE OF RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF NUMEROUS AGENTS.

2. THE STORY WAS STRONGLY DENIED BY AVRAHAM ALLON,
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DIRECTOR OF THE HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, WHO SAID THAT HISTADRUT HAD NEVER LENT ITSELF TO ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES AND THAT OVERSEAS STUDENTS TRAINING IN HISTADRUT INSTITUTIONS HAD BEEN SELECTED SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF SUITABILITY. THERE WAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT THEY DID UPON THEIR RETURN.

3. SIMILIARLY, A STRONG DENIAL WAS ISSUED BY AMOS ERAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WHO HAD BEEN ISRAELI LABOR ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON DURING THE MID 60'S. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CIA TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OF THE HISTADRUT. WHILE HE ADMITTED THAT COOPERATION EXISTED AT VARIOUS LEVELS BETWEEN ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE AND THE CIA, HE DENIED THAT THIS HAD EXTENDED TO THE USE OF CIA FUNDS OR TO MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HISTADRUT AND ITS TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.

4. COMMENT: HISTADRUT LEADERS AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT, COOPERATION & LABOR STUDIES, FORMERLY THE "AFRO-ASIAN INSTITUTE," ARE UPSET BY THE CHARGES OF CIA INVOLVEMENT AND FEEL THAT SUCH PUBLICITY COULD COMPROMISE HISTADRUT'S ABILITY TO RECRUIT FUTURE STUDENTS ABROAD.

THEY FERVENTLY HOPE THAT THE CURRENT SPATE OF PUBLIC "EXPOSURES" OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE IMPROBABLE ALONG WITH THE PROBABLE, WILL SOON COME TO AN END.

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